



**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q68095

Kazumi NAITO

Appln. No.: 10/043,102

Group Art Unit: 1742

Confirmation No.: 6751

Examiner: Ngoclan Thi MAI

Filed: January 14, 2002

For: NIOBIUM POWDER, ITS SINTERED BODY, AND CAPACITOR COMPRISING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 1, 2003, to April 1, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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